103. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the places selected for holding the sitting of the Committee (Tenancy Bill);

(b) whether any request has been received by the Government or the Chairman of the Committee for holding the sittings of the Committee at Kunnamkulam and some other places as well:

(c) whether this request has been considered by the Committee, and if so, what is the decision arrived at, and if the request has not been granted, what is the objection to grant this ?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—(a) The Select Committee have not yet settled the places.

(b) Yes.

(c) The request will be considered when the Committee's programme is settled.

104. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—(a) whether the Government have not been preparing a draft Bill to amend the Cochin Tenancy Regulation;

(b) whether a copy of it will be placed on the table;

(c) why it was not introduced in the Council as a Government Bill;

(d) if the answer to sub-division (a) is in the negative, whether the Government had collected materials for amending the Tenancy Regulation, and if so,

(e) whether those materials will be printed and placed on the table;

(f) why these materials were not made use of by the Government to prepare a Bill to amend the Tenancy Regulation;

(g) what all papers were given for reference by the Government to Mr. Kunjunni Raja for preparing his Bill to amend the Cochin Tenancy Regulation;

(h) whether copies of all those papers will be printed and placed on the table?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—(a) No.

(b) and (c) These do not arise.

(d) Government called for the opinion of some of its officers and the Bar Association of Ernakulam and Trichur on the working of the Tenancy Regulation.

(e) They are being printed, and a copy of the printed papers will be placed on the table when ready.

(f) Government thought it desirable to watch the progress of the Malabar Tenancy Bill in the Madras Legislative Council.

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